

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACTS
PRIORITY MAIL--NON-PUBLISHED RATES
(MC2011-15)

Docket No. CP2011-51

**MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF
CUSTOMER CONTRACT FILING NOTICE FOR
PRIORITY MAIL—NON-PUBLISHED RATES
SERIAL NUMBER ENDING: 0298
(April 14, 2017)**

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its notice of filing for the Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates (PMNPR) customer agreement, with serial number ending in 0298, which the Postal Service has filed today in this docket. Commission Order No. 661 requires that notice of a new PMNPR contract must be filed within a “reasonable time” of the contract’s effective date. The notice for this agreement was not filed with the Commission in a timely manner, within ten days of each contract’s effective date, because it was only recently discovered in the Postal Service’s records.

In response to Commission Order No. 3735, the Postal Service conducted an exhaustive search of its records in late January 2017 to identify all PMNPR agreements in effect during calendar years (CYs) 2011 through 2016. On January 23, 2017, the Postal Service notified the Commission that five expired and one active PMNPR were discovered as a result of the Postal Service’s search. However, the instant PMNPR contract (PMNPR-FY16-APR16-0298) was not uncovered in that search or included in that filing, as it was only recently discovered by the Postal Service.

A PMNPR agreement with the same customer (PMNPR-FY16-JAN16-0098) had taken effect January 26, 2016, and the instant agreement was signed in late March 2016 to supersede that original PMNPR. However, the Postal Service has determined that the instant agreement was misclassified in the Postal Service's internal tracking systems as a traditional Priority Mail NSA, rather than a PMNPR agreement, which is why it did not come up in any of the Postal Service's searches earlier this year. In reviewing contract data for this customer, the Postal Service only recently discovered that the instant agreement was in fact a PMNPR agreement that superseded an existing PMPNR agreement, and should have been filed with the Commission in this docket.

The Postal Service attributes the delay and this unique set of circumstances to a clerical error, involving a customer with multiple contracts with the Postal Service.¹ The Postal Service's new procedures established in 2017 for tracking and administering PMNPR agreements should aid the Postal Service in preventing these types of errors in the future. Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully moves for late acceptance of its notice of filing for this agreement. The Postal Service regrets the delay in filing its notice, but submits that no party has been materially prejudiced by it.

¹ This customer also has an existing FCPS contract with the Postal Service, which is the subject of Docket Nos. MC2016-176 and CP2016-255.

Respectfully submitted,

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